Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Jaggery came under Government Control on 1st Thulam 1118 (17th October 1942). The control then was only with regard to exports. On 30th Makaram 1119.(12th February 1944) the Gur Control Order on the lines of the Government of India Order was promulgated. This Order conferred wider powers on the Director of Food Supplies, and under it he has, from time to time, issued notifications controlling the price of jaggery. A notification restricting import of jaggery was published in the Gazette, dated 12th Thulam 1120 (28th October 1944).

(*b*) Government had not ascertained the stock that the merchants had with them. There was no need to do so, for Cochin is a deficit area in jaggery, and, when the Madras Province and Travancore restricted exports, Cochin too had to adopt control measures, in order to conserve the little stock it had and to ensure an equitable distribution to the consumers.

Government have not stopped the sale of jaggery by merchants. But, in August 1944, they were forced to restrict imports. The circumstances which led them to do so were as follows.— For the year 1944, Cochin had been allowed a quota of 7,000 tons of jaggery from Madras. The purchase and distribution of this quantity were strictly under Government Control. In August 1944, the Madras Government without consulting this Government suddenly changed their system of exports, and began to issue export permits to private merchants. Import of large quantities of jaggery then by private merchants would have completely upset the control schemes of Government. The Director of Food Supplies, therefore issued an Order on 29th August 1944 freezing the stocks that private merchants were importing a few weeks later, a notification restricting import of jaggery was issued by Government. This notification was published in the Gazette dated 12th Thulam 1120 (28th October 1944).

(*c*) Please see answers to (*a*) and (*b*).

(*d*) Government have no information on the point.

NETTUR-PANANGAD ROAD

256. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the progress made in the construction of Nettur Panangad road in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.

(*b*) has the Government any idea of metalling the road;

(*c*) when will the work be completed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: (*a*) The work has been almost completed.

(*b*) The present estimate is only for forming an earthen road.

(*c*) Please see answer to (*a*)

KALLETTUMKARA—THAZHEKAT ROAD

257. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state what progress has been made in the construction of the road from Kallettumkara to Thazhakat Village?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The land acquisition papers of the sites required for opening this road are under preparation.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda)* Will the work be finished before the next session?

Mr. V. K.Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In Meenam? No.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* The land acquisition at least?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is possible that it may be completed.

FOOD SUPPLY DEPARTMENT—AUDIT OF

258. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the audit of the accounts of the Food Supply Department is completed; if not how far it has progressed; will a copy of the audited account and their report be placed on the table?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes, for 1118. A copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts is placed on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* The balance sheet was placed on the table only just now. So I had no time to study the whole thing.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* It was published in the Gazette also.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know the total amount of profit accrued?

Mr. P. V. Rahpael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* About Rs. 2,39,897.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to utilise it for paying subsidy to the agriculturists?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That profit was passed on for reducing the selling price of wheat, Sir.

CASE DIARIES—GRANT OF COPIES TO ACCUSED—CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING

259. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether recently communications were not sent to the District Magistrate or the Sub-Magistrate or both requiring them not to grant copies of case diaries to the accused provided for under section 143 of the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code ;

(*b*) if so, why ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Hon'ble Member for Police aware that this question has been answered in the affirmative on an earlier occasion?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Not to my knowledge.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri:):* Was any correspondence had on the subject of the grant of copies of case diaries in criminal cases between the Magistracy and the Police Department?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was some time ago when my predecessor was here. He wrote to the District Magistrate to clarify the position whether copies of case diaries can be granted automatically or only on scrutiny of the case diaries by the Magistrate?

260. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Police Inspectors in a meeting assembled passed a resolution condemning the action of the 2nd class Magistrate of Talappalli in having given copies of case-diary in a case ;

(*b*) whether the Commissioner of Police addressed the District Magistrate on this matter ;

(*c*) whether the District Magistrate has sent any circular to the Magistrates in persuance of this communication ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)* May I know whether the Police Commissionr addressed a communication to the District Magistrate stating that copies shall not be granted without the permission of the Inspector or the Prosecuting Inspector.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Koshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was no such communication from the commissioner.

Mr. P. Kmaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Was there any resolution passed to the effect that the system of granting copies of case diaries may be discouraged?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was no resolution like that.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Was there an instance wherein the grant of copies by the Magistrate of Talappalli was protested against?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It was not a question of protest. The grant of copies was regulated by law. In one of the meetings the Sub-Inspectors discussed this matter and referred the question to the Police Commissioner and he addressed the District Magistrate to clarify the position. There was no resolution as such. They discussed various subjects. One of the subjects was regarding the grant of copies of case diaries.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Is there any record of the proceedings of that meeting?

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